



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 52 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 58.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 77.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans and New Roads. Moderate precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the central part of the State with an average of 1.70 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 21, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	99	98	99	96
Corn, emerged	80	69	94	88
Hay, first cutting	5	2	12	9
Rice, planted	82	77	90	83
Rice, emerged	70	62	72	66
Sorghum, planted	51	49	39	61
Sorghum, emerged	41	33	13	38
Soybeans, planted	16	13	25	30
Soybeans, emerged	12	11	10	13
Winter wheat, headed	88	77	92	85
Winter wheat, coloring	15	1	8	6

Crop condition for week ending April 21, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	6	40	53	1
Livestock	3	11	34	48	4
Pasture	1	12	37	48	2
Rice	0	3	27	69	1
Sugarcane	0	6	44	42	8
Vegetables	0	1	38	58	3
Winter wheat	1	14	49	36	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Cooler than average temperatures and wet soils have spring planted crops slow growing. Some early soybeans were planted last week in very isolated areas where field conditions allowed. The crawfish catch remained marginal with lower than expected yield for this time of the season. Cattle conditions improved as spring green up gets started. The calf market offered signs of improvement.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Warmer temperatures and sunshine are needed for crop growth.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Some producers waited on dry conditions to complete planting rice. Sugarcane growth continued to pick up with adequate moisture and warmer weather. Cattle ranchers continued to turn out bulls and work cows and calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Small rain shower last week was just enough for good moisture in the ground. Rice finally growing better with warmer and sunnier weather.”

– James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Good weather at the start of last week allowed sugarcane farmers to resume fertilizer applications. Some sugarcane fields have brown rust. Rains at end of week halted all fieldwork.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 21, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	72.4	45.9	59.1	63.8	-4.7	2.24	3	1.04	9.38	4.88
Mooringsport	72.0	50.0	61.0	65.0	-4.0	1.84	2	1.00	8.43	5.22
Red River	73.7	51.7	62.7	65.4	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.44	4.28	0.70
Shreveport	72.3	47.6	59.9	64.6	-4.7	1.33	2	0.25	5.72	1.94
Extreme/Average	72.6	48.8	60.7	64.7	-3.9	1.35	3	0.46	6.95	3.18
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	70.6	45.6	58.1	62.4	-4.3	1.66	3	0.52	10.78	6.40
Extreme/Average	70.6	45.6	58.1	63.6	-4.3	1.66	3	0.52	10.78	6.40
Northeast										
Lake Providence	69.1	51.0	60.1	64.8	-4.7	1.40	2	0.64	10.25	6.10
St Joseph	73.5	52.0	62.8	66.4	-3.2	0.00	0	-0.59	6.62	2.92
Tallulah	68.0	49.2	58.6	65.4	-7.2	2.28	2	1.66	5.40	3.81
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.70	1.50
Extreme/Average	70.2	50.7	60.5	65.6	-5.0	1.23	2	0.57	6.74	3.58
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	74.7	50.3	62.5	65.8	-3.3	0.90	3	-0.05	7.85	3.88
Natchitoches	74.6	51.1	62.9	66.9	-4.1	0.87	3	0.03	8.57	3.66
Extreme/Average	74.7	50.7	62.7	65.9	-3.7	0.89	3	-0.01	8.21	3.77
Central										
Alexandria	73.0	50.9	61.9	66.9	-5.0	0.50	1	-0.56	7.69	3.18
Bunkie	73.3	50.6	61.9	67.4	-5.4	4.10	2	2.98	9.70	5.39
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	74.1	47.1	60.6	66.6	-5.9	2.19	2	1.21	9.15	4.97
New Roads	77.5	51.0	64.3	67.9	-3.0	0.00	0	-0.29	3.20	-0.06
Extreme/Average	74.5	49.9	62.2	67.5	-4.8	1.70	2	0.83	7.44	3.37
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	5.95	(NA)
Slidell	72.0	53.0	62.5	67.4	-4.9	0.34	2	-0.65	5.42	1.02
Extreme/Average	72.0	53.0	62.5	67.0	-4.9	0.17	2	-0.65	5.69	1.02
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.4	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.27	5.62	2.70
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	74.6	54.7	64.6	68.1	-3.4	2.41	2	1.55	9.30	5.78
Oberlin Fire	74.2	49.5	61.9	67.8	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.59	3.83	0.29
Extreme/Average	74.4	52.1	63.3	67.8	-4.6	0.80	2	0.23	6.25	2.92
South central										
Donaldsonville	74.4	50.4	62.4	67.8	-5.4	0.63	2	-0.41	5.21	1.09
Jeanerette	72.0	49.7	60.9	68.6	-7.7	1.16	2	0.18	7.92	4.12
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	76.1	54.1	65.1	68.6	-3.4	2.28	2	1.55	9.75	6.91
Extreme/Average	74.2	51.4	62.8	68.2	-5.5	1.36	2	0.44	7.63	4.04
Southeast										
Galliano	74.9	58.4	66.6	68.7	-2.1	0.27	1	-0.47	3.44	0.45
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.13	2	0.00	6.60	2.01
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	77.5	53.0	65.3	70.7	-4.9	0.00	0	-0.29	6.42	2.87
Extreme/Average	76.2	55.7	65.9	69.7	-3.5	0.47	2	-0.25	5.49	1.78
State	73.4	50.9	62.2	66.8	-4.5	1.07	2	0.25	7.21	3.31

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.